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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Meeting in SA/PD/DCI office, Room 319 Administration Building,
on Thursday, 13 November 1958, at 9:00 a.m. regarding
Continuous or Blow by Blow Reporting on Soviet Reaction

P R E S E N T

Colonel Richard R. Stewart, AFCIN
Colonel David S. Crist, AFCIN

Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr., CIA

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1. Mr. Bissell at this meeting acceded to the Air Force request for continuous or blow by blow reporting of Soviet reaction from the 6901st or 6902nd as the case may be, having been assured that such reporting could be accomplished with no security risk additional to that now involved in the transmission of the Daily Mission Report (DMR) in its sanitized form. Continuous or blow by blow reporting will be transmitted by NSA on receipt directly to SAC Omaha, to AFCIN, and to Operations Headquarters, exclusive addressee only. The addressees are as follows:

a. SAC Omaha, Attention Captain Weddle.

b. AFCIN, Attention Captain Thompson.

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c. Headquarters Operations, Attention [REDACTED]

2. The implementation of the foregoing approval will be dependent upon the working out of a satisfactory instruction to the 6901st for their guidance in continuous or blow by blow reporting, such instruction to take into account the justifiable needs of SAC on the one hand and the effects of

such a requirement on the workload of those doing the reporting. It was understood that reporting personnel have other reporting responsibilities of critical interest to the Air Force as well as other agencies in the community, and it was agreed that care should be taken that the requirement should be drafted in such fashion as to avoid purposeless reporting. (The responsibility for the initial preparation of this instruction was agreed after the meeting to rest with NSA for clearance with the Air Force and CIA.)

3. Colonel Stewart, in commenting on the method of communications of continuous or blow by blow reporting, indicated that the communications outlined in paragraph 1 above would be satisfactory, it being understood that such transmissions would take about thirty minutes, provided that more rapid reporting through the SAC COMINT channels was not faster. He undertook to ascertain the facts bearing on the SAC COMINT capabilities both as to speed and route along with an identification of the methods of handling as they would bear upon security. A decision on this question awaits Colonel Stewart's reporting. Assuming the SAC COMINT channel were acceptable, it was the suggestion of the NSA representatives that the dispatcher at the 6901st or 6902nd be authorized to select either channel depending on the availability of lines at the moment.

4. The question of reporting the same information to USAFE in the case of the 6901st and the 5th Air Force and PACAF in the case of the 6902nd was discussed. Mr. Bissell indicated that in view of the fact that the method of transmission proposed in paragraph 1 was the same as for the transmission of the DMR and since the above-named were also recipients of the DMR, he saw no objection to the transmission of the continuous or blow by blow reporting to these headquarters provided that precautions were properly laid on to ensure exclusive and most limited handling on receipt. Colonel Stewart undertook to report the need for these theatre headquarters receiving the reporting under discussion and the feasibility of arrangements which would conform to the criteria posed by Mr. Bissell.

5. By agreement, the DMR will now be sent to SAC Omaha directly by NSA. Therefore, it will not be relayed by the Op center or AFCIN. The responsible parties will please ensure that instructions to this effect are received by the necessary officials in their agencies.

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